

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Revise  
Commission General Order Numbers 95 and 128.

Rulemaking 01-10-001  
(Filed October 2, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
ON MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL**

William Adams moves for a protective order directing that personal financial information supporting his request for intervenor compensation be filed under seal and withheld from public inspection. He states that the information is confidential, and that making it available for public inspection would unnecessarily intrude on his privacy. Commission staff may review the information to determine whether Adams has shown significant financial hardship if he is not compensated for his costs of participation in this proceeding. That determination is a component of the request for intervenor compensation. There has been no opposition to this request.

Adams has filed a public version of his request for intervenor compensation that does not include the showing of significant financial hardship. All other information is made public in the redacted version of the filing.

The Adams motion states grounds for a protective order under Pub. Util. Code § 583 and General Order 66-C and authority there cited. The motion is unopposed. A public hearing on the motion is unnecessary.

Good cause appearing, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The motion of William Adams for a protective order is granted to the extent set forth below.
2. An exhibit showing personal financial information attached to the Adams request for intervenor compensation in this matter shall remain under seal for a period of two years from the date of this ruling, and during that period shall not be made accessible or disclosed to anyone other than Commission staff except (1) on the further order or ruling of the Commission, the Assigned Commissioner, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), or the ALJ then designated as Law and Motion Judge (which order shall only be entered after notice to Adams and an opportunity to be heard), or (2) upon execution of an appropriate nondisclosure agreement by the party to whom disclosure is made.
3. If Adams believes that further protection of this information is needed after two years, Adams may file a motion stating the justification for further withholding the information from public inspection, or for such other relief as the Commission rules may then provide. This motion shall be filed no later than 30 days before the expiration of this protective order.

Dated April 5, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

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/s/ GLEN WALKER  
Glen Walker  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have this day served the attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on Motion to File Under Seal on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by U.S. mail.

Dated April 5, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

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